

THE BENNINGTON EVENING BANNER

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BENNINGTON, VT., THUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 1914

PRICE ONE CENT

With Clement's Plug Hat In the Ring There Will Be Rather More Temptation To Kick It Than If It Were Just a Plain Lid

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Stock in the Bennington State Co., Address W. L. Hale, 121 Union St., Bennington, Vt. 5015

FOR SALE—The Park Homestead on Pleasant street, the books and furniture thereon. Prices on contents greatly reduced. Apply Edward J. Hall. 510

FOR SALE—One Wood burner in good repair. Price \$15. Apply Elmer Stanley, North Bennington. 510

FOR SALE—Four yearling hogs, wood layers 2 1/2 place, also chickens for broilers. E. H. Riddle, Haynes Corners. 510

FOR SALE—New and second hand buggies and carriages also horses. N. D. Cook, 1000 day and night, corner of River and Depot Sts., Tel. 345-W. 5025

FOR SALE—Stoddard Dayton 5 passenger touring car. Fully equipped and in first class shape. John E. Walsh, 1st Beach St., 451

FOR SALE—Modern 8 room house, shined and in good repair, bath, toilet, hot and cold water, lawn, etc. 1244, 1st St. 2020. In good location and a bargain at the price asked. \$1,500. Nash and Hutchins. 491

FOR SALE—A splendid village property consisting of modern pine room house with bath, hot and cold water, good barn with shined roof, hen house, etc. 1244, 1st St. 2020. In good location and a bargain at the price asked. \$1,500. Nash and Hutchins. 491

FOR SALE—A very desirable little place, 15 acres of good land, good six room cottage, barn and wagon shed, fine variety of fruit, buildings all in good repair, water, fuel, etc. property now owned by New York people who have bought another place in the Berkshires, will be sold at the bargain price. \$1,000. Located 2 1/2 miles from Shaftsbury station. Nash and Hutchins. 491

FOR SALE—Two 1914 Buick automobiles. In first class condition. Will be sold at a low price. The Bennington Garage, Ford Dealers. 201

FOR SALE—We have a 1913 Ford Touring car in very good running order for sale at a low price. The Bennington Garage, Ford Dealers. 201

FOR SALE—Our present Ford Demonstrator Touring car 1914 Model will be sold at a low price. The Bennington Garage, Ford Dealers. 201

FOR SALE—Hens, brooding chickens, all town, dressed to order and delivered. Mountain View Poultry Farm, J. Backus Prop. Phone 171-W. 241

FOR SALE—Two double houses, one on Gage St. and one on Park St. Two small farms and buildings on Pleasant St. Village home and building lot, must be sold at once. General insurance, fire, life, accident, home, plate glass, etc. auto, term and liability insurance. Inquire at once. Property cared for by H. N. Williams, 310 Elm St., Tel. 128-W. 71

FOR SALE—Splendid small farm on the corner road west of Old Bennington, two minutes walk from station. Now in fruit. 1000 ft. of land, meadow, pasture and woods and fine stone house. Fruit and orchards. Mrs. Mary C. Fillmore, R. F. 1, 150 South St. 201

WANTED

WANTED—Washing and ironing to do at home. Inquire 213 Grove Street. 5015

WANTED—100 lampblack (rice) posts. 10 feet, peeled and shirped. Tel. 1000. Wood, Bennington on Van Santvoort Farm. 5012

WANTED—Employment. Wanted at once by two capable young women. Call Nash & Hutchins. 201

WANTED—Teachers wanted, vacancies for full in Vermont and other states. Good salaries. Hathaway Teachers Agency. Phone 125-W. 101

TO RENT

TO RENT—Small tenement suitable for man and wife. Inquire at 119 Jefferson Ave. 201

TO RENT—First floor of residence of Mrs. E. H. Bennett at 73 Main St. Inquire at house or of E. C. Bennett at Probate Office. Possession given Sept. 1st. 5012

TO RENT—Large front room, furnished with privilege of bath at 116 Pleasant St. Call evenings if possible. 5015

TO RENT—Auto for hire, afternoons, even days and Sunday. Inquire at 150 South St. W. 5016

TO RENT—Two tenements, one rear, five rooms, man and wife preferred. References. Apply 201 Pleasant Street. 501

TO RENT—Store in good location for grocery or fruit business. Inquire at 150 South St. W. 5016

TO RENT—Large pleasant furnished room, with privilege of bath. Prices reasonable. Apply J. M. Eldred 105 Franklin St. 4012

TO RENT—Comfortable nine room summer cottage in Bennington City. Furnished. Close to lake. Brook flows through yard. Inquire of W. S. Carpenter, Bennington. 101

TO RENT—Desirable tenements, furnished apartments and single rooms, offices, stores, stable and garage. Inquire at 150 South St. W. 5016

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Will the person who found the large note on Main Street yesterday, kindly call on Mrs. Shumaker. Tel. 300 5011

LOST—Stray suit case marked "James E. Hunter, North Adams, Mass." between Manchester, Vt. and North Adams, Mass. Return to North Adams and receive reward. James Hunter Machine Co. 501

LOST—A silver watch, bearing the initials E. G. L. between railway station and the Ferry at Old Bennington or in the Bennington cemetery. Finder please return to R. G. Erickson, Priory. 5012

MISCELLANEOUS

NOTICE—Bring 30 B. T. Babbitts trade marks to Willoughby's 5 & 10 cent store Bennington for a beautiful 5 piece Nickel Glass Tumbler Set. Send to R. T. Babbitts 11 Broadway New York for catalogue for other premiums. 2012

CHAIROVANT has returned from North Adams and also may be consulted about personal and business matters at 128 1/2 South Street. 5012

That Worn Out Feeling with loss of appetite, constipation, biliousness, sick-headache, is nature's warning that you need a good summer tonic. Get a bottle of Baxter's Mandrake Bitters today. Sold everywhere, liquid or tablets, 25 cents.

P. W. CLEMENT NOW CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR

Issues Letter To the Republican Voters

ON A BUSINESS PLATFORM

His Chief Issue Is the Question of State Expense—Attacks the Democrats

To the Republicans of Vermont:—

Through the newspapers and in many private letters my name has been suggested as a candidate for governor of Vermont. If nominated by the republican party, I should like to make the campaign.

In a republican form of government political parties are necessary to a good administration of public affairs.

A non-partisan candidate is like a privateer in time of war. Responsible to no party and therefore not to be relied upon to assist in constructive legislation—for that is the work of parties, not of individuals—he must remain a political privateer until some party is developed to fit his principles, or until he can adapt his principles to some effective political organization.

The executive head of a state should have the support of a dominant party and be accountable to that party for his official acts. In this way only can responsible public government be established.

In times past I have made some proposals for changes in state government and public policies which have been adopted, and among them a proper system of accounting. Under the direction of the auditor of accounts we now have a complete statement of the state receipts from taxes and its expenses, but fail to make the best use of the knowledge we have at hand. We ought to get this information to the attention of the legislature, before they convene to take action on the state budget.

Our legislators are honest men, thoroughly imbued with the importance of the work they have undertaken, but for the most part they are inexperienced in legislation, and consequently the first part of each session is occupied in getting acquainted with the needs of the state, and the real legislative action is crowded into the last days of the session when the voters are calling for adjournment. When sessions have been prolonged it has been because the legislators, through being unacquainted with measures proposed, have been at a loss to know what should be done, and not, so far as I know, because the members are inclined to spin out the time of the session for the per diem compensation.

A budget should be prepared from the auditor's accounts, showing on one side the income of the state from all sources and upon the other the expenses which must be met, such as court expenses, the cost of the state hospital, prisons, etc., and in addition the expenses of schools, highways, etc., which are somewhat more open to legislative action, and lastly the balance of income which is at the disposal of the incoming legislation.

If such a budget were properly prepared and placed in the hands of the legislators 30 days before the Legislature convenes, the members could inform themselves upon the general business of the state and be prepared for action in the early days of the session.

I believe such a plan would be welcomed by the legislators themselves, and such a budget would aid in cutting down state expenses, which have reached a formidable sum.

In 1903 the general expenses of the state government were \$567,000; in 1905, \$580,000; in 1907, \$670,000; in 1909, \$942,000; in 1911, \$1,077,000; in 1913, \$1,493,000. These were all legislative years, and do not include the cost of the administration of justice—the courts.

The expenses of the courts show a steady increase also. In 1903 the courts cost \$238,000; and in 1913, \$382,000. The salaries of the judges have been properly increased, but that will not account for the increased annual cost of \$145,000 court expenses with litigation remaining about the same.

It is apparent that notwithstanding the high character of the judges the present system of Supreme, Superior, Municipal and Justice courts has become somewhat costly and complex, and it should be scrutinized with a view to more simplicity and economy.

The steadily mounting total of state expense should also be carefully reviewed, especially in the departments of legislative expense, the administration of justice and the conduct of the various state commissions, departments and institutions, with a view to correcting extravagance, so that more money may be had for those enterprises which bring a substantial return to all of us, such as schools, good roads and the reforestation of our waste lands.

With a Legislature thoroughly informed in regard to the needs of the state, and executive authority properly concentrated, much could be gained by way of efficiency in the administration of state business.

Meanwhile careful thought should be given to increasing the efficiency of the Legislature and shortening the length of its sessions by the election of experienced members to both houses and the subsequent adoption of accepted rules of procedure which tend to dispatch business promptly and eliminate non-essential measures. Less legislation, instead of more, would be a profitable rule for the incoming Legislature.

The matter of first importance in Vermont is the moral and physical welfare of her sons and daughters who live within her borders. We should have such a reorganization of our school system as will make the rural schools more efficient. If knowledge is power, as has been said, let us give all our children more power in order that they may become better farmers, better mechanics, better business and professional men, better citizens.

The present state policy in relation to good roads has proved a success and should be continued. Money expended for highways is not a state expense but a paying investment. The state's policy in regard to encouraging scientific forestry is also to be commended, and it should be extended as soon as the resources of the treasury permit.

It may not be necessary to speak of past achievements of the republican party, but a few facts tending to explain the present trend back to that party are fundamental to its position.

From 1860 to 1906 this country was in the hands of the republican party practically all the time. That party fought the Civil war to a successful termination and established such a beneficent government that the country grew and prospered as no other ever did since history has made records of men's deeds.

During that period the increase in national wealth was over 100 billions of dollars held in reserve.

We built over 200,000 miles of railroads during that time and the number of families who lived in their own homes increased to over 15,000,000 in 1906. These figures are almost beyond comprehension.

Since 1905 we have been tearing down that which we built up in the 50 years previous. Democratic and progressive policies are destroying the great enterprises which were our pride.

The democrats have reduced our tariff in accordance with their platform under plea that such a reduction would reduce the cost of living. The result of their legislation has been a loss and damage to the nation. Our imports show a large increase since the new tariff went into effect and our exports a decrease. We have so far shipped \$150,000,000 in gold to Europe to pay our trade balances and the end is not yet. The business of our manufacturers has been reduced, which necessitates the discharge of thousands of laboring men, until we have a bread line from New York to San Francisco and an empty car line reaching from Boston to Denver. Thoughtful men of all parties through out the nation today are turning to the republican party with eyes of hope.

The leaders of the democratic party have also shown that they are totally unfit to cope with the complex questions involved in our relations with foreign countries, having, in fact, made this nation the laughing-stock of Europe by their blundering in Mexico and their mistakes abroad.

As a Chautauqua attraction, the democratic party is a success; as a governing force it is a failure.

Has the republican party men of the old-time courage, who will again take the reins of government and by wise legislation and a moderate tariff, framed to protect the interests of labor and manufacturing, bring back the good times of the McKinley administration; the busy mill and the fat pay envelope? The country is ready to welcome the republican party back to power.

Previous to the convention, I do not desire to advance my candidacy by sending emissaries to solicit support, but if this brief statement should strike a responsive chord among the republicans of Vermont, I shall at least enter the campaign with the courage of my convictions, for I believe that the republican party is the party of high ideals and constructive leadership. I shall then with pleasure join other republicans in discussing with the voters of the state the republican platform and the reasons for the faith that is in it.

I have always been in favor of the publication of campaign expenses by candidates for public office, and I propose to file with the republican state committee a statement of all the expenses of my campaign from this date to the day of election.

Percival W. Clement.

PRESIDENT'S WIFE GRAVELY ILL AND NEAR DEATH

Suffers From Nervous Shock and Bright's Disease

IS RESULT OF INJURY

Mrs. Wilson Fell Last Winter But Her Injuries Were Not Thought Serious

Washington, Aug. 6.—No apparent change has been noticed in the organic trouble with which the wife of the president has been afflicted. The attending physicians have issued a statement that the president is "bearing up wonderfully" under his great trouble.

Washington, Aug. 6.—Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of the president of the United States, lay at the point of death last night. Four months of almost unbroken illness, a complication of nervous ailments and Bright's disease, have sapped the vitality of the first lady of the land. The end is regarded as a matter of days, perhaps hours. Her three daughters are at her bedside, and relatives have been summoned. Physicians have been in consultation for days, but it was admitted at the White House last night that hope for her recovery had almost vanished.

Conscious only at intervals, Mrs. Wilson has been cheerful and has called constantly for her husband. Every spare moment that could be spared from urgent official business has been devoted by the president to his wife. At the side of his constant helpmate and adviser, he wrote the tender of good offices appealing to the European monarchs to stay their conflict. From the sick room he has been giving directions to the various department heads for the relief of thousands of Americans stranded abroad. The press of domestic legislation, the European war and Mexican situation, and the flurry over financial conditions throughout the country, have weighed heavily on the president as he has maintained his day-and-night vigil.

For several days it has been known to those in closest touch with the White House that Mrs. Wilson was gravely ill and that hope for her recovery was slight. The president himself has clung desperately to the hope that she might yet survive the crisis, but her frail constitution, drained by months of never-ending illness, has been unable to withstand the battle.

RECREATION NOTES

The Junior Base Ball game yesterday was quite the most exciting of the season when the Sterling team, the new name for the former Sluggers, won a hard-earned victory from the Playground Stars. This latter team has won all the previous games but the Sterlings came out intent on winning and win they did with the score 8 to 6. Jack Smith pitched for the Sterling with Kearns as catcher. Charles Smith was pitcher and Brounham catcher for the Playground Stars. Very few men were walked by either pitcher and the game was especially clean from errors. The game on next Wednesday falls fair to be as interesting and well worth watching.

Boys and girls, don't forget to enter your names for the Athletic Badge Tests before tomorrow afternoon. This is your chance to win a Badge which stands for your Playground as well as one which has a national significance.

Tonight is the regular girls session. There will be folk dance practice for those girls who take part in the Weavers Dance, barn dance and Dancing on the Green. Afterward we will have our Marshmallow Toast. Please bring five cents.

WEATHER FORECAST

For eastern New York and western Vermont unsettled tonight and Friday, probably occasional showers.

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ASKED TO GET OUT

Carranza Wants United States to Withdraw Fleet

Washington, Aug. 6.—Gen. Carranza in a note received by the state department has politely requested the United States to withdraw its fleet from Mexican waters.

YACHT RACE CALLED OFF

Sir Thomas Lipton Cancels on Account of War

London, Aug. 5.—Sir Thomas Lipton has telephoned the Associated Press that on account of the declaration of war by Great Britain he has withdrawn his yacht, Shamrock IV, from the races that were to be held off New York for the America's Cup.

WELL KNOWN COMPOSER

Samuel B. Whitney Who Died Monday at Woodstock

Rutland, Aug. 3.—Samuel Brenton Whitney, one of the foremost organists in the country and a widely known composer of religious music died at the home of his sister, Mrs. James B. Jones of Woodstock, this noon. Mr. Whitney became noted while organist and director of the church of the Advent in Boston where he served continuously for nearly 40 years. He was an uncle of Deputy United States Marshall Frank H. Chapman of Pleasant street, this city. Mr. Whitney, who lived on Walnut street in Boston, had been in failing health for the past year and at Christmas time when he came to Woodstock to make his annual visit he was taken worse and since then never was better.

Mr. Whitney was born in Woodstock June 4, 1842, and he received his musical education in this country studying in New York under Charles Wells, afterward serving as organist at St. Peter's, Albany; Christ's Church, Montpelier; St. Paul's, Burlington; and then he became a pupil of Prof. John K. Paine at Harvard University, where he served as organist in Appleton chapel.

He was at this time a professor of organ, and lecturer in Boston University and the New England Conservatory of Music and once held high position of examiner and vice-president of the American College of Musicians. He not only won fame as an organist and composer, but his reputation as a director of musical organizations spread far and wide. He impressed many audiences through his practice of never using notes and he was known for his remarkable memory.

Like most geniuses, Mr. Whitney's rooms in Boston were characteristic of his occupant. One of the most interesting articles of furniture in this room is a piano of English make, 100 years old, which has inscribed on the front, "to his royal highness, the prince regent." Aside from his sister, Mrs. Jones, Mr. Whitney leaves three nephews and 11 nieces.

DANGEROUS CORNERS

Bennington Tramp Thinks There is Need of Care

A Bennington tramp wishes to take the liberty of offering a suggestion for consideration by the city fathers as follows: The tramp thinks it would be a safety scheme to establish portable guide stands at the intersection of North and South streets with Main. At Pleasant and North and possibly at one or two other points on which is displayed a card reading, "Keep to the right"—"Go Slow"—and at night displaying a red or blue light.

It is said that a stitch in time saves nine and so, if proper safe guards are provided in time it may prevent some broken noses and possibly worse—broken limbs.

The tramp has noticed some pretty risky driving around those corners. It is hoped that the tramp's suggestion will give no offence.

Neat durable stands can be made at small cost.

MANCHESTER CENTER

Mrs. G. H. Sessions, who is seriously ill, is no better.

John Dale is visiting friends in Shaftsbury for a few days.

Miss Bessie Lakin of Arlington is spending a few days in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brewster are entertaining a friend from Rutland.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Marsden are spending a few days in Uxton, N. Y.

Mrs. Kastelle and son of Chicago are guests of Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Wyman.

Jesse Rotsford and daughters of South Lancaster, Mass., are visiting friends in town.

Joseph Stapleton of Yonkers, N. Y. and Anson Husted of Tarrytown, N. Y. are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hoyt.

Miss Anna Ballis is as well as could be expected after an operation Sunday. The operation was performed at her home by a Burlington doctor.

GERMAN LEGIONS RENEW ATTACK ON BELGIANS AT LIEGE BUT ARE AGAIN DRIVEN BACK

GERMANS ARE ACTIVE AT MANY POINTS

Day of Anxiety All Over Europe While Their Immense Armies Are Getting Into Position To Strike Decisive Blows—Expected Naval Battle In North Sea Has Not Yet Been Fought

Brussels, Aug. 6.—Two columns of German cavalry today made an attack upon Liege but were repulsed with heavy loss by the Belgium rifle-men.

Fighting was resumed today at Liege where the Germans have already lost 8000 in killed and wounded.

A few unarmed German vessels have been seized, but there appears to have been no fighting. The army is now on a war footing and it is generally expected that a large force will be sent to Belgium.

Paris, Aug. 6.—French aviators have been granted official permission to fly over any portion of Belgian territory.

BALLOON SHOT DOWN

German Dirigible Wrecked By a Belgian Battery

Brussels, Aug. 6.—The Germans lost a big Zeppelin air ship today. The dirigible attempted to maneuver over the Hymnspitaten but the Belgium gunners soon obtained the range with a field piece especially constructed to destroy air craft and made a center shot. A shell hit the big gas bag and the balloon collapsed carrying to the earth its estimated crew of 25 men.

Soon after the destruction of the air ship an aeroplane arose from behind the fortifications and attempted to fly over the plateau but was also hit with a shot from the Belgium battery.

PARIS PAPER QUITS

Editor and All of Staff Join the Army

Paris, Aug. 5.—The literary and artistic journal, Gil Blas, which strongly defended Mme. Caillaux throughout the Calmette affair and the editor of which Pierre Mortier, testified on her behalf, publishes a Valedictory editorial by M. Mortier headed: "A Bienot." He says: "Gil Blas is a paper of youth produced by young men. Hardly a member of the staff or a printer remains. We have other duties now—on to the front! This is our last edition till the war is ended."

ULTIMATUM TO ITALY

Germany Commands Her to Keep Word of Her Treaty

Paris, Aug. 6.—Definite information has been received here to the effect that Kaiser William has issued an ultimatum to Italy with a time limit expiring at midnight to either keep her word and come to the defence of Germany or be claimed among Germany's enemies.

CANADIANS UNDER ARMS

Troops Are Being Mobilized For Service in War

Ottawa, Aug. 6.—Mobilization orders for Canadian troops have been issued. The first order is for 20,000 men, but as over 100,000 volunteers have already announced their readiness to take the field there will be no difficulty in filling the quota.

GERMANS ATTACK RUSSIA

Shelled Forts at Sweaborg on the Gulf of Finland

Amsterdam, Aug. 6.—German cruisers today shelled the fortifications at Sweaborg on the gulf of Finland. It is believed that the bombardment is preliminary to an attack upon the Russian fleet.

PHILADELPHIA BRINGS CROWD

American Liner Sails with Returning Americans

Southampton, Aug. 5.—The Philadelphia sailed at noon today absolutely full, several occupants being crowded into a single cabin. There were cheers for England as the steamer called.

Use of the wireless will be restricted until the ship is well clear of Europe. Locally it is believed that the Philadelphia will probably be the last liner to leave Southampton until the war is over, but this, of course, depends on events.

The Philadelphia is carrying half a million dollars' worth of books, including the bulk of the Pembroke collection. George D. Smith, the purchaser, had a ticket on the Philadelphia, but abandoned the trip to continue relief work on the transportation committee. He gave his ticket to Abe Attell, the lightweight boxer, and entrusted the books to his care.

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